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PERRY NAMES BACON AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Secretary of Defense William P. Perry announced today the appointment of Kenneth H. Bacon as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

Mr. Bacon will advise Secretary Perry on press relations and public affairs and serve as the Defense Department's chief spokesman. He will represent the department in interagency discussions of public affairs issues. In addition, he will supervise an office that responds to inquiries from the press and the public, directs community relations, operates the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, answers requests under the Freedom of Information Act, prepares department publications for release to the public and directs the department's audio-visual services.

President Clinton is expected to nominate Mr. Bacon to become the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs after enactment of the 1995 Defense Authorization Bill, which permits elevation of the job to a post that requires Senate confirmation.

Mr. Bacon, 49-years old, is a native of Amherst, MA. He has been a reporter and editor for The Wall Street Journal for 25 years. He graduated from Amherst College, the Columbia University School of Business, and the Columbia School of Journalism. He is married to Darcy Bacon, who is a producer for a public radio program. They have two daughters, Katharine and Sarah.

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